

# East County Intercom



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Newsletter

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## EVENTS HELD AT THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER

### Public Transportation Forum



In response to resident concerns over planned development in the East County Region, the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB), in conjunction with the Regional Services Center, conducted a Regional Transportation Forum. The June 2<sup>nd</sup> event drew over 35 residents to listen to presentations by Council President Marilyn Praisner, Arthur Holmes, Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Odessa Phillip and Mike Jaeger from the State Highway's ICC project and John Swanson, a senior Transportation Planner for the Council of Governments.



Many concerns were raised by both presenters and residents, ranging from the effects caused by the US 29 overpasses to the potential effects that the Intercounty Connector (ICC) will have on the quality of life in East County. Residents also pointed to unsafe conditions at the Briggs Chaney and Robey Road intersection, and the lack of adequate transit options available in this region. In fact so many issues were raised regarding transit service that a future Transit Specific Forum was strongly suggested. Issues raised in this and other Community forums will be condensed by the ECCAB and forwarded to the County Executive's Office in early September.



### Capital Improvement Projects Forum

In the month of June the County Executive's Office, in conjunction with the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and Citizens Advisory Board, conducted a Forum to gather input on current and future capital construction projects. The CIP Forum featured presentations by Jacqueline Carter, CIP Manager for the Office of Management and Budget, who explained the 2 year cycle for budgeting of such projects, and Mr. Gabriel Alborno, Director of the Recreation Department, who focused on the development of the new White Oak Recreation Center and the possible renovation of the Good Hope facility.



Paulette Bowles, from the Police Department, spoke about the new 3rd District Police Precinct planned for the White Oak area. Bruce Crispell, MCPS Long Range Planning Dir., discussed plans for the construction of the new elementary school in White Oak, the major renovation of Paint Branch High School, the renovation of Galway Elementary, just underway, and the future scheduling of Francis Scott Key and Farquhar Middle Schools. Gary Erenrich from DPWT reviewed the Fairland roadway construction, currently underway, the upcoming Greencastle Road segment improvement, and the Burtonsville Loop Road along with transit improvements in this region. Scott Gutschick, Planning Manager for the Fire and Rescue Department, outlined their recent study which recommended a new Fire station in the vicinity of U.S. route 29 and Tech road.

Resident input included appeals for the renovation of the White Oak Library, sidewalks, speed bumps and crosswalks in the Good Hope, Burtonsville and Peachwood communities. Other concerns involved a mixed use community at the Percontee Quarry, the new Science and Technology Center, the FDA's continued consolidation and the possibility of Adventist Hospital building their new hospital on a 48 acre site near these other developments.



## East County JAZZ Festival

The first East County JAZZ Festival, held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, drew over 500 people to enjoy the sounds of the T. W. Pyle Middle School Big Band, the Lavenia Nesmith Group, Mr. Johnnie Steele, The Jonathan Davis Project and featured performer **Marcus Johnson and Three Keys Music**. The event included several food vendors, ice cream and Italian ice and other novelty items. The music began at 3:00 pm and saturated the air until 9:30 pm with Rythmic and Big Band jazz for all to enjoy.

The event was a fundraising project for the **People's Wellness Clinc**, a free clinic operating out of the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center for the past 4 years.

The Clinic is sponsored by the People's Community Baptist Church in Cloverly and funded in part by a grant from Montgomery County's African American Health Program. In addition to individual patients the clinic schedules a special Men's and Women's screening session once a month.



## Community Yard Sale



The first community yard sale, held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center parking lot, was a *huge success*! Close to thirty vendors arrived at the Center before 7:30 am to register and set their tables. The crowd had great fun meeting new people, eating hot dogs or burgers and buying and selling "treasures."

Located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, the EMRSC will **continue** this community-wide event **the third Saturday** of each month through October, 2007 (*weather permitting*). Spaces for selling your goods and treasures are rented prior to the sale @ \$10.00 for one space, \$15.00 for two spaces, \$25.00 for

three spaces, etc. (*Chairs and tables are not provided.*) Proceeds from the parking spaces are donated to "**The Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County.**"



Please contact the Center at 240-777-8411 to reserve your space for the next community yard sale on **July 21<sup>th</sup> 2007**. *Thanks to all for their participation and supporting this event!*

## Resume Workshop Assists New Residents

Area residents hoping to better their chance of securing employment attended a Resume Writing Workshop at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Wendy Morris, Career Counselor from Jewish Vocational Services, facilitated the 2 hour workshop which was followed by individual assistance with a career specialist from Montgomery Works.



## **CURRENT ON-GOING EVENTS AT THE CENTER**

### **Employment Services Offered in East County**

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, continues to provide employment assistance on the **third Thursday of each month**. The next day to receive assistance at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, is **July 19; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**. Individuals can get help with skill assessments; resume writing, interviewing, career planning, networking and using computers to find job opportunities. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400.

*Meeting and conference room space is available for community use. The rooms have wireless internet connectivity, several wall-mounted projector screens and can seat from 20 to 70 persons. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at 240 777-2706*



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN EAST COUNTY



**Drivers Safety Class** -the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older, has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. The AARP Driver Safety class is an 8-hour course that can help you learn not only the affects of aging on driving but also how you can adjust your driving. This event is being sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The course is designed to help you to tune up your driving skills & update your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn about normal age-related physical changes, and learn how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates. 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904; **Saturday, July 7, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fee: \$10.00; Lang. English. Call # (240) 777-8400 to register !!!**

### Free Evening ESOL Classes Start July 17 at Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is offering a **free evening English class** for speakers of other languages at the Center's 3300 Briggs Chaney Road location in Silver Spring. The class will be held on **Tuesdays from 6 to 8:15 p.m., starting July 17 and ending August 28.** For more information or to sign up for the class, call 240-777-8400.



**East County Apartment Managers**—The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will host a Luncheon Meeting for all East County **Apartment Managers** on **Thursday, July 26th** at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. The time is **11:45 AM to 2:00 PM.**

The topic for the meeting is **Neighborhood Family & Youth Services.** Speakers will come from the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Recreation, Montgomery County Gang and Violence Prevention Program, and the Department of Police 3<sup>rd</sup> District. **Call 240-777-8400 to reserve your place!!!**



## MEET YOUR COUNTY

This is a series of articles describing services in Eastern Montgomery

### Who Mission

#### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

As an integral part of the Offices of the County Executive, the Office of Community Partnerships works to provide coordinated outreach to ensure efficient, effective, responsive and high-quality services are provided to all Montgomery County residents. The 2000 Census reports that 40 percent of Montgomery County residents are of diverse backgrounds, including approximately 33 percent who speak a language other than English.

The Office of Community Partnerships is committed to embracing the cultural and linguistic diversity that gives vitality to Montgomery County's neighborhoods.

### Services

The Office of Community Partnerships:

- helps plan and organize the County's Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration; Black History Month; Arab American Heritage Month; Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; Juneteenth Commemoration; Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month; Native Amer. Heritage Month and other community events throughout the year
- responds to residents' written and email correspondence and telephone inquiries
- publishes the bimonthly In-Touch newsletter
- provides outreach and liaison services to ethnic, multilingual, and multicultural communities
- works to keep Montgomery County's residents informed about programs and issues.

Community Outreach Liaisons are available to speak to groups and organizations that want to know more about Montgomery County services and to discuss issues of concern and importance to county residents.

101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850

For more information on the work of the Office of Community Partnerships, please call 240-777-2500.

### Other Important Facts Location Contact

**East County Citizens  
Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

*Guests are invited to attend the  
East County Citizens Advisory  
Board meetings and encouraged to  
ask questions & provide comments.*

**Our next ECCAB meeting will be  
held on *Wednesday, July 11,*  
*2007 at 7:15pm* at the  
Eastern Montgomery Regional  
Services Center**

For questions please contact :  
Tel (240) 777-8400  
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**The People's Community Wellness Clinic**

Primary Health Care Clinic for  
uninsured and underinsured adults.

**Call 301-847-1172 for appointments**

**Monday–Friday  
9 am – 4 pm**

**Health & Human Services**

**Department of Health & Human  
Services**

East County Regional Office  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver  
Spring, MD 20904

*Serving Zip codes: 20903, 20904,  
20905, 20866, 20868.*



**Police Third District – Briggs Chaney Substa-**

A community Police substation is located in  
our building at 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd.

For assistance, please call:  
**(240) 773-5800.**

The main Police station for our area is:  
Silver Spring Police Station,  
801 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
**(301) 565-7744**

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